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Gorillapod knock-off?



[cmiper](#) [pro](#) says:

I don't really want to promote this item, (though I don't know the details) so I am posting it as a screencap rather than a link, but how does this happen? Is Gorillapod manufacturing/licensing these for Sunpak or are they knock-offs?



SUNPAK

Customer Reviews: (0 ratings)

Sunpak FlexPod
The most versatile tripod ever!

Aside from the color, it's identical even down to the quick release at the head.

Oh, and they even do come in the same color.



If they are not being manufactured or licensed out by Gorillapod...isn't there some patent/copyright law that should come into play here?

Also, wouldn't that make this the "second most versatile tripod ever" as the Gorillapod came first? :-)

Originally posted at 8:57AM, 12 January 2007 PDT ([permalink](#))

[cmiper](#) edited this topic 14 months ago.



[amanky](#) [pro](#) says:

yikes "off to google"
Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[S.D.](#) [pro](#) says:

That's weird. It's not on Sunpak's web site.

Bet it's Licensed.
Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[Amrida](#) says:

Saw them in Best Buy too.
Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[paulbillet](#) [pro](#) says:

It's got to be the same thing just re branded. Sunpak is to big of an accessories company to just go around ripping off others. My guess is they think they can reach a bigger market by re branding and changing the colors around.

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[CORDAN](#) [pro](#) says:

Gorillapod FTW!
Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[Mel Burns](#) says:

Hello everyone,

I work for Joby. To answer your questions, yes, this is a knock-off. This product is in no way affiliated with the Gorillapod or Joby. The patents on the Gorillapod are still pending.

Thanks,
Mel
Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[amanky](#) [pro](#) says:

ah... thanks! good to know!
Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))



[cmiper](#) [pro](#) says:

Thanks for the info Mel.
Have you (or Joby) seen one first hand? Did they really copy it right down to the quick release as it appears? I am surprised that something like this could happen from a known company like Sunpak.

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